

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 11 and 17 to 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jendroska et al, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0129720. Claims 12 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Francille et al., U.S. patent No. 5,706,731. Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Francille et al., U.S. patent No. 5,706,731 and Asai, U.S. Patent No. 6,450,095. Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Lieb, U.S. Patent No. 6,000,336. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Lieb, U.S. Patent No. 6,000,336 and further in view of Asai.

Claims 11 to 17 and 19 have been amended. Claim 18 has been canceled. Claim 22 has been added. Support for the amendment to claim 11 can be found in previous claims 8 and 18. Support for claim 22 may be found in the specification at, for example, page 8, line 4 et seq. and in the figures at, for example, Figs. 7A to H.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejections**

Claims 11 and 17 to 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jendroska et al, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0129720.

Jendroska et al. discloses a wagon 34 driven on rollers 44 which includes three walls 48 and a shelf 50. The rear side of shelf has twelve mandrels so that they are accessible to operating personnel from the open side of the wagon. The wagon may be coupled to the lifting platform so that the shelf can be raised and lowered together with the lifting platform.

As amended, claim 11 recites a printing press comprising:  
printing units having cylinders; and  
a transport device for transporting sleeve-shaped covers of the cylinders, the transport device including:

    a translation element; and

    a plurality of carrier elements for carrying the sleeve-shaped covers, the carrier elements being received on the translation element, the transport device for moving the translation element so movement of the translation element positions at least a group of the

carrier elements in a vicinity of the cylinders of the printing press such that either sleeve-shaped covers received on the carrier elements of the group are transferable directly from the carrier elements to the cylinders or that sleeve-shaped covers received on the cylinders are transferable directly to the carrier elements of the group, the respective sleeve-shaped cover being in simultaneous contact with the relevant cylinder and with the relevant carrier element during the direct transfer.

As amended, claim 19 recites a method of changing sleeve-shaped covers for cylinders in printing units of a printing press using a plurality of carrier elements received on a translation element and adapted to carry the sleeve-shaped covers, comprising the steps of:

positioning a group of empty carrier elements in front of cylinders that carry sleeve-shaped covers in printing units;

removing and directly transferring the sleeve-shaped covers to the empty carrier elements;

positioning a further group of carrier elements for receiving sleeve-shaped covers in front of the cylinders; and

directly transferring and mounting the sleeve-shaped covers to the cylinders, the respective sleeve-shaped cover being in simultaneous contact with the respective carrier element and the respective cylinder during the direct transfer.

Jendroska et al. does not teach “the respective sleeve-shaped cover being in *simultaneous contact* with the respective cylinder and with the respective carrier element during the direct transfer” as now recited in claims 11 and 19. In Jendroska et al. the sleeves are completely removed from the rollers and then carried to the mandrels of the wagon as shown on the right hand side of Fig. 1 and shown in Fig. 2. The space between the sleeve and rollers in both Figs. 1 and 2 is clearly shown. The wagon does not position the mandrels close enough to the rollers for the sleeves to be “in simultaneous contact” with the rollers and mandrels as recited in claims 11 and 19.

Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 1 in Jendroska et al., the operator is removing a printing sleeve 56 while wagon 34 is orientated in such a way that the wagon does not provide for a “direct transfer” as recited in claims 11 and 19. As shown on the right side of Fig. 1, the open side of the wagon with access to the mandrels is facing away from the rollers. The wagon is too far away from the sleeves to provide a “direct transfer” as recited in claims 11 and 19.

Even furthermore, Jendroska et al does not show or teach positioning “a group of the carrier elements” as recited in claims 11 and 19. The wagons in Jendroska do not position the mandrels as “a group.” As shown by the wagon in Fig. 1, in Jendroska et al, there are two rows of printing sleeves above two rolls of engraved rollers sleeves. As shown in Fig. 2, the engraved roller 18 is located above the printing roller 16. Positioning the wagon against the rollers would not align the mandrels with the respective rollers. Thus, wagon 34 does not teach positioning “a group of the carrier elements” for direct transfer of sleeve-shaped covers as recited in claims 11 and 19.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejections to claims 11 and 17 to 19 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejections

Claims 12 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Francille et al., U.S. patent No. 5,706,731.

In view of the arguments above with respect to claim 11, withdrawal of the rejections to claims 12 to 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Francille et al., U.S. patent No. 5,706,731 and Asai, U.S. Patent No. 6,450,095.

In view of the arguments above with respect to claim 11, withdrawal of the rejections to claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Lieb, U.S. Patent No. 6,000,336.

In view of the arguments above with respect to claim 19, withdrawal of the rejections to claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jendroska et al. in view of Lieb, U.S. Patent No. 6,000,336 and further in view of Asai.

In view of the arguments above with respect to claim 19, withdrawal of the rejections to claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

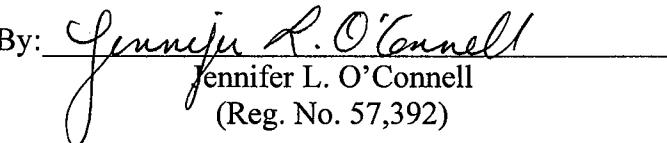
New Claim

New claim 22 has been presented. Support for new claim 22 may be found in the specification at, for example, page 8, line 4 et seq. and in the figures at, for example, Figs. 7A to H. Applicants respectfully request consideration of claim 22.

**CONCLUSION**

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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